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TAGS: PFOR MY CY
SUBJ: DENKTASH VISIT TO MALAYSIA

1. CYPRIOT VICE PRESIDENT RAUF DENKTASH
ARRIVED IN KUALA LUMPUR OCT 28 AFTER VISITS TO INDONESIA,
AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH. A FOREIGN MINISTRY
ANNOUNCEMENT INDICATED THAT HE WILL CALL ON PRIME MINISTER TUN
ABDUL RAZAK, FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN AND OTHER
MALAYSIAN POLITICAL LEADERS. DENKTASH WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT
BY ABDULLAH AHMAD, DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PM'S DEPT AND THE NEW
TURKISH CHARGE, TURKEKUL KURTTEKIN. (FYI: A TURKISH EMBASSY
WAS OPENED IN KL SEPT 26. THERE IS NO GREEK EMBASSY HERE.
GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS ARE RESIDENT IN NEW DELHI
AND BANGKOK, RESPECTIVELY.) DENKTASH REPORTEDLY TOLD
THE PRESS WHEN HE ARRIVED THAT HE HAD COME TO GIVE THE TURKISH
SIDE OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND TO THANK MALAYSIA FOR THE
"UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT IT HAS SO FAR SHOWN OUR CAUSE."
"INFORMED SOURCES" TOLD THE GOVT-INFLUENCED KL NEW
STRAITS TIMES THAT MALAYSIA GENERALLY SYMPATHIZES WITH THE
TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITION AND WOULD OPPOSE ANY ACTION THAT
WOULD COMPROMISE THAT POSITION OR HARM CURRENT GREEK-TURKISH
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2. COMMENT: DESPITE THE COMMENTS OF THE INFORMED SOURCE,
MFA OFFICIALS HAVE PRIVATELY INDICATED THE GOM WOULD
JUST AS SOON NOT BE DRAWN INTO THE CYPRUS OR ANY OTHER
DISPUTE NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTING ITS INTERESTS. HOWEVER,
SINCE IT IS OFFICIALLY MUSLIM AND THE RULING PARTY IS
SENSITIVE TO ITS MALAY MUSLIM SUPPORTERS DENKTASH'S VISIT
IS BEING GIVEN SOME ATTENTION AND IF FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN
TURKS AND GREEKS, THE GOM WOULD BACK THE TURKS.
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